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Dear Valerie:

It's hard to believe that you will be leaving San Francisco--- although I can well understand the challenge of your new assignment! I have known you longest of all your San Francisco friends because of our brief "encounter" in Chicago when you did the cover story on me for JET. How long ago that seems!

You have made such an impact on San Francisco's Black community because of your interest and your willingness to work hard to get things done! There are lots of "talkers" around, but there are all too few "doers." When Black Women Organized for Action first came into being, there were not many women in the area who understood the importance of this "coming together". It was a very courageous band of women who determined that it was time for Black women to stand up and speak out on issues of deep concern. You were one of those people who not only understood the concept but knew how important it was to get the message out. You pitched in and volunteered to take over the fledgling newsletter that Ellie Spikes had started as our first communication link. It was important to get that newsletter going, but it was also fun!

Your energy is tremendous, and your talents are many! I know that many organizations are going to miss you when you head for "the Big Apple." But none will miss you more than BWOA! In many ways, you are a BWOA success symbol---a talented, young woman who found a way to express her talents with the support of lots of friends.

We know you will continue to succeed at all you survey. We hope you will remember all of us in BWOA, as we will remember you. Knock them dead in New York, and come "home" as often as you can. I'm counting on you to come back and do the publicity for my 60th birthday party!

Love and good wishes,


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